

Goalie Cam Ward took the cup home to Canada, and he ate some corn pops out of it. [*Laughter*] And then he took it to visit his grandmother and the other residents at the seniors home where she lives. He used the cup to bring some joy in people's lives.

Other players did the same thing. Several players took the cup to children's hospitals in their hometowns. A captain of the team brought the cup to a charity golf tournament, where he helped raise \$112,000 for the fight against cystic fibrosis. Defenseman Glen Wesley took the cup to the Wounded Warriors Barracks at Camp Lejeune. Here's what he says: "What better way to thank the troops who fight for our country and defend our freedoms." And I appreciate you doing that, Glen.

A lot of people inspired the Carolina Hurricanes on their way to victory, but none more than a young girl named Julia Rowe. Julia lives just down the street from the coach; they're buddies. As the playoffs approached, she learned that she had suffered a relapse of childhood leukemia and would have to undergo intensive chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant. Inspired by Julia's fight, these tough guys launched a campaign to raise money and awareness for the fight against leukemia.

Julia followed every moment of the Stanley Cup finals from her bed in Duke University. She got to join the team on the victory parade. The coach reports that today she's back home and doing well. She's incredibly proud of her friends who won the Stanley Cup.

What I'm telling you is, this group of men, they're a class act. They're obviously great athletes—all you got to do is look at their noses to know that they're willing to—[*laughter*]. Appreciate you putting your false teeth in. [*Laughter*] But more important to me is the fact that they got good hearts, and they bring class to their profession. They set an example for young folks who watch them perform on the ice.

One of the interesting things about this team is, they have a—they've got a sign in their locker room that says: It's not about me; it's about the guy in front of me. And one reason they're here is because they understand that when you serve something

greater than yourself—the team or your community—you become a true champ.

And so on behalf of the White House people, we welcome you. Congratulations to true champs. God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:13 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Mike Commodore, defenseman, Jason Karmanos, vice president and assistant general manager, and Peter Laviolette, head coach, Carolina Hurricanes; and Gary B. Bettman, commissioner, Bill Daly, deputy commissioner, and Bernadette Mansur, senior vice president of communications, National Hockey League.

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## Digest of Other White House Announcements

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### January 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, at the Capital Hilton Hotel, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the Alfalfa Club Dinner.

### January 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he participated in an interview with Juan Williams of National Public Radio.

### January 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Peoria, IL.

Later in the morning, the President participated in an interview with Betsy Stark of ABC News. Later, he traveled to East Peoria, IL, where he toured Caterpillar, Inc. He then participated in another interview with Ms. Stark.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Peoria, IL, where, prior to his departure, he met with members of the Illinois National

Guard and their families. He then returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced that he has named Jean Staton Mamo as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Media Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Joel Bagnal as Deputy Assistant to the President for Homeland Security.

The President announced that he has named Martin E. McGuinness as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Michael Y. Scudder, Jr., as Associate Counsel to the President.

The President announced that he has named Amy Swartz Zantzing as Special Assistant to the President and White House Social Secretary.

### **January 31**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to New York City, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Adam Houhoulis. He then went to Federal Hall where he participated in an interview with Neil Cavuto of FOX News. Later, he met with Eva Borja, Ceasar Borja, Jr., Evan Borja, and Nhia Borja, the family of Cesar Borja, a 20-year veteran of the New York Police Department, who died of lung disease on January 23. He then participated in an interview with the Wall Street Journal.

In the afternoon, the President went to the New York Stock Exchange where he met with traders on the floor. He then returned to Washington, DC.

### **February 1**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a signing ceremony for a Presidential proclamation in honor of American Heart Month.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Martin Torrijos Espino of Panama to the White House on February 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to sup-

plement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm on December 28–30.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms on January 12–26.

### **February 2**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Viktorovich Lavrov of Russia.

In the afternoon, the President met with Republican Members of the Senate. He then hosted a reception for the Members.

The President announced his intention to nominate John C. Rood to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security at the Department of State.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

### **Submitted January 29**

James R. Clapper, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, vice Stephen A. Cambone.

William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2008, vice Thomas Waters Grant, term expired.

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as